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SUBJ: FRENCH TO SIGN PROTOCOL TO TREATY OF TLATELOLCO

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1. QUAI DIRECTOR PACTS AND DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS TOLD EMBOFF
APRIL 12 MEXICANS WERE BOTH PLEASED AND SURPRISED AT FRENCH
WILLINGNESS TO STATE PUBLICLY FRANCE'S " INTENTION TO PROCEED
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO SIGN PROTOCOL II TO THE TREATY OF
TLATELOLCO " WITH INTERPRETATIONS" HE SAID FRENCH HAD NOT
YET DECIDED ON PRECISE NATURE OF " INTERPRETATIONS" BUT BE-
LIEVED IT WAS " PROBABLE" THEY WOULD INCLUDE REFERENCE TO
RIGHT OF SELF- DEFENSE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF UN CHARTER AND RE-
LATION OF THIS TO EXISTENCE OF FRENCH TERRITORIES IN LATIN
AMERICA.

2. QUAI OFFICIAL SAID FRENCH DECISION RE SIGNATURE SHOULD
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NOT BE SEEN AS A PRECEDENT FOR FRENCH ACCEPTANCE OR OTHER
NUCLEAR- FREE ZONES OR A SIGN OF ANY FORTHCOMING SHIFTS IN
FRENCH DISARMAMENT POLICY, E. G. RE NPT AND CCD.

3. COMMENT: IT IS POSSIBLE MORE FORTHCOMING FRENCH ATTITUDE
ON LATIN AMERICAN NUCLEAR- FREE ZONE COULD BE RELATED TO EFFORT
DAMPEN CRITICISM IN LATIN AMERICA OF CONTINUED FRENCH NUCLEAR
TESTING, AS WELL AS GENERAL EFFORT IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH
MEXICO AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN STATES.

4. FRENCH INTERPRETATION OF THE TREATY MIGHT USE LANGUAGE
DESIGNED TO COVER CONTINUED AERIAL TRANSIT OF NUCLEAR COMPO-
NENTS OR DEVICES USED IN FRENCH ATMOSPHERIC TESTING IN THE
PACIFIC, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND ARE FLOWN FROM FRANCE TO THE
TEST SITE OVER THE ISTHMUS OF PANAMA.
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